

School Newsletter



Dear Parents,

It has been another wonderful week and the children have worked so hard despite the nasty winter colds that have been spreading across the school. The children in Wonwell class have shared their amazing 'No-Bot the Robot' stories with me and they were so proud! There was a wonderful aroma drifting out of Mothecombe class today, so I popped my head in and was amazed to see the children preparing Ratatouille as part of their DT lesson. Our children have showed a love of learning both in and out of the classroom this week and continue to impress us with positive attitudes to all aspects of school life. Our school values of Guidance, Resilience, Opportunity, Wonder, Togetherness and Health are woven into daily school life, and we encourage our children to live out these values in our interactions with each other, our wider community and the world around us.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Honywill
Headteacher



Diary Dates

Spring Term 3

9.2.24	'Dressed to Express Yourself' day for Children's Mental Health
12.2.24	Half term
19.2.24	Non-Pupil Day
7.3.24	World Book Day (Dress up) Details to follow
11.3.24 and 13.3.24	Parent's Evening Appointments
25.3.24	Cricket Workshop – all classes (PE kits) Details to follow
28.3.24	Easter Service at the Church (TBC)

Teachers are planning upcoming trips. Details will be sent separately.

Forest School

Tuesday 9 th January	Years 4, 5, 6
Tuesday 16 th January	Years 1, 2, 3
Tuesday 23 rd January	Years 4, 5, 6
Tuesday 30 th January	Years 1, 2, 3
Tuesday 6 th February	Years 4, 5, 6

Thank you to everyone who has signed up as a parent volunteer.



Watch this space...



Details of our farm school trips will be coming out soon. We are confirming arrangements and will update you as soon as possible.

The first Farm School session will be for children in Bigbury (Year 5/6) Class on Thursday 29/2/24.



In the autumn term our brilliant HSA funded transport to the farm which cost around £700 for all classes. We would like to see if this is something parents would be happy to support instead. If you can support with transport/car sharing to the farm for 9am and collecting children at

2:45pm please let us know by Friday 2nd February by email admin@holbeton.devon.sch.uk.

Playtimes

This week we have been talking about ‘The Holbeton Way’ and referring to our three key aims: Safe, Respectful and Ready. Last week the tag games were becoming quite rough resulting in children getting pushed and hurt instead of tagged and the games became unsafe. We also had a number of younger children get knocked over by the bigger children on the playground and they needed first aid. This week we’ve been encouraging the children to play some different games during playtime. In our class assemblies we’ve thought of ways we can keep each other safe around our school and so tag will be reintroduced next week.



We are SAFE:

We move around school in a safe manner.

We have kind hands.

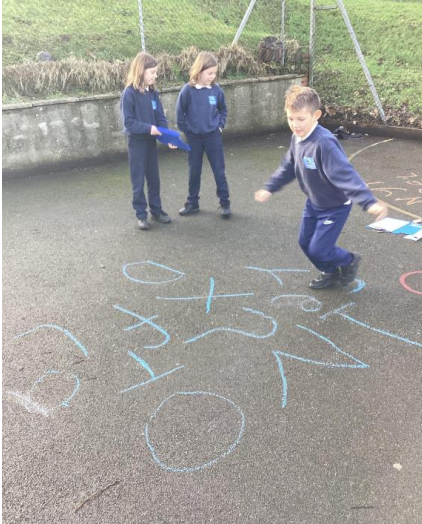
We follow instructions to keep ourselves safe.

We use equipment safely.



Beyond the Classroom

This week the team have planned some great opportunities to take the children's learning outside. The children have also been practising key skills like spelling and times tables on the playground – have you seen their work? Our youngest children have been learning all about winter so created their own amazing snowflakes using natural objects.





Forest School

We took advantage of the wet weather at forest school this week! The children had a brilliant time making miniature rafts from natural objects and learnt how to do a 'clove hitch' and then lash sticks together to make a square frame. They then filled their frame with further sticks and moss. There was great teamwork with the children gathering resources, helping each other, taking turns to make the knots and being resilient. They had lots of fun seeing how well their rafts fared down the stream!



New surface water drain Contractor: Energieyes

**Week 1:
29th January to 4th February**

Nationwide Road Management	
CUSTOMER DETAILS	
emlclaims	
JOB REF - AGENT - BEN	
Holbeton, Plymouth PLS 1LW	
DREW	CID 01/10/2023
CHECKED	CID 01/10/2023
APPROVED	CID 01/10/2023
DWG NOTES	SCALE
DWG 2 of 5	DWG N°
PHASE 1 DETAIL 1	NRV230628A02.1
PURPOSE OF REVISION	
ROAD CLOSURE	
On Vicarage Hill, from its junction with Church Hill, for 50m North and on Church Hill, from its junction with Vicarage Hill, for 15m East.	
It's diversion goes through Fore St, Unknown Rd and vice versa.	
SIGN SYMBOL	
CLOSED ZONE	
ACCESS ROUTE	
DIVERSION ROUTE	
SPECIAL SIGN	
ADVANCE WARNING	AWS
PEDESTRIAN WAYS	
PEDESTRIAN RAMP	
PLEASE NOTE:	
Do not scale from this drawing. All dimensions are in metres unless otherwise stated. All diversions are to be carried out in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions.	
All road markings and signs to be put in place by the contractor at their own expense.	
Accessing the site via the main road will require all traffic safety measures and signs for road works to be put in place by the contractor at their own expense.	
To ensure the safety of the public, it is recommended that the contractor should have a signaller or other person present to direct traffic during the works.	
This drawing is not to be used in whole or part for any other purpose without the prior written consent of the contractor.	

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week will take place from 5-11 February 2024. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'. We are inviting all children to come to school on Friday 9th February 'dressed to express' themselves. Children can wear their favourite colour or choose a range of colours that express how they're feeling. The outfits can be as wild and wacky as you like. It is a chance to EXPRESS YOURSELF! This could even be a fancy dress outfit - I'm sure we have got some colourful superheroes out there!

